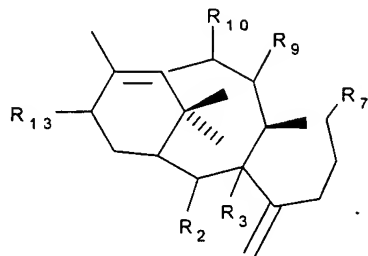


AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Claims:

1. (cancelled)

2. (new) A compound:



wherein R₂ is hydroxy or protected hydroxy, or together with R₃ forms a carbonate; R₃ is hydrogen, hydroxy or protected hydroxy, or together with R₂ forms a carbonate; R₇ is hydroxy, protected hydroxy or keto; R₉ is hydroxy, protected hydroxy or keto; R₁₀ is hydroxy or protected hydroxy; and R₁₃ is hydroxy or protected hydroxy.

3. (new) The compound of claim 2 wherein R₂ is hydroxy; R₃ is hydroxy; R₇ is hydroxy; R₉ is protected hydroxy; R₁₀ is protected hydroxy; and R₁₃ protected hydroxy.

4. (new) The compound of claim 2 wherein R₂ together with R₃ forms a carbonate; R₇ is hydroxy; R₉ is protected hydroxy; R₁₀ is protected hydroxy; and R₁₃ protected hydroxy.

5. (new) The compound of claim 2 wherein R₂ together with R₃ forms a carbonate; R₇ is protected hydroxy; R₉ is protected hydroxy; R₁₀ is protected hydroxy; and R₁₃ protected hydroxy.

6. (new) The compound of claim 2 wherein R₂ together with R₃ forms a carbonate; R₇ is protected hydroxy; R₉ is hydroxy; R₁₀ is protected hydroxy; and R₁₃ protected hydroxy.

7. (new) The compound of claim 2 wherein R_2 together with R_3 forms a carbonate; R_7 is protected hydroxy; R_9 is keto; R_{10} is protected hydroxy; and R_{13} protected hydroxy.

8. (new) The compound of claim 2 wherein R_2 is hydroxy; R_3 is hydrogen; R_7 is protected hydroxy; R_9 is keto; R_{10} is protected hydroxy; and R_{13} is protected hydroxy.

9. (new) The compound of claim 2 wherein R_2 is protected hydroxy; R_3 is hydrogen; R_7 is hydroxy; R_9 is keto; R_{10} is protected hydroxy; and R_{13} is protected hydroxy.

10. (new) The compound of claim 2 wherein R_2 is protected hydroxy; R_3 is hydrogen; R_7 is keto; R_9 is keto; R_{10} is protected hydroxy; and R_{13} is protected hydroxy.